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**NEW PLASTERING MACHINE TRIED;
SKODA PRODUCTION UP**

NEW MACHINE USES WET MORTAR -- Lidova Demokracie, No 88, 14 Apr 49

The Czechoslovak Construction Plants have been experimenting with plastering machines in Prosek, where they are building dwellings which will be placed at the disposition of the district council in Vysocany. These consist of four blocks of 11 houses, each with 18 two- and three-room units. This project, begun 14 August 1948, will be finished by mid-August 1949. Before the war, such construction would have required 15 or 16 months.

The plastering machine, which is not perfected yet, uses wet mortar. The mortar is sprayed out under pressure and fills the cracks. In this way a 9.5 x 1.7 meter wall was covered twice in 19 minutes.

PRODUCTION INDEX RISES - Svobodne Slovo, No 87, 13 Apr 49

The industrial production index reached 113.2 in February, in comparison with 1937. The employment index in all industry, excluding food, was 105.0 in February, and productivity reached 106.8 percent of the 1937 level.

SKODA DELIVERS TO USSR -- Svobodno Slovo, No 86, 12 Apr 49

Machine-shop No 1 of the Skoda Works has completed an order of special rolling tables for the USSR. The tables, for rolling platinum and platinum alloys, were delivered within the promised time.

SKODA TOPS GOALS -- Svobodné Slovo, No 37, 13 Apr 49

The Skoda works in Pilsen fulfilled the March plan and the first-quarter 1949 plan by 116 and 112 percent, respectively.

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